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TAGS: SOPN, AR  
SUBJECT: SMITH VISIT

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN PREPARED  
FOR AMBASSADOR GERARD SMITH'S VISIT TO ARGENTINA.  
QUOTE:

Q. WE UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR SMITH WILL BE VISITING  
ARGENTINA NEXT MONTH. IS THIS TRUE?

A. AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE GERARD SMITH PLANS TO  
VISIT ARGENTINA MARCH 24-25.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT?

A. AMBASSADOR SMITH PLANS TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS  
OF HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS BEGUN BY GENERAL  
GOODPASTER. IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING PRODUCTIVE  
DISCUSSIONS ON BROAD NUCLEAR TOPICS, WE HOPE  
TO REVIEW A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN,  
INCLUDING EAST-WEST DEVELOPMENTS AS A RESULT  
OF THE SOVIET ACTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN, AS WELL  
AS JOINT AREAS OF INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA.

Q. DOES AMBASSADOR SMITH'S VISIT MEAN A FURTHER  
WARMING OF U. S. RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA?  
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A. WE HOPE HIS CONSULTATIONS WILL MAINTAIN  
AND STRENGTHEN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND  
LEAD TO IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

Q. ISN'T THIS BEING DONE AT THE EXPENSE OF U. S.  
HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY?

A. NO. AS WE HAVE SAID EARLIER, THE SUPPORT  
AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES  
IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF U. S. FOREIGN POLICY.  
WE WILL NOT COMPROMISE ON THAT POLICY. WE HOPE  
AMBASSADOR SMITH'S VISIT, BY CONTINUING THE DIALOGUE  
IN THIS AND OTHER AREAS, WILL ACHIEVE A BETTER  
UNDERSTANDING OF OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS IN  
THAT AREA, AND THAT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE  
HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA WILL OCCUR.

2. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON ABOVE GUIDANCE AS REQUIRED. VANCE

*Argentin*

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)  
U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS  
Margaret P. Ginfeld, Director  
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